



Country music star performs for Camp Victory

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MNC-I PAO

One of the biggest names in country music returned to Iraq for the fourth time, performing for spectators at Camp Victory, Tuesday.

Toby Keith spent four days flying all over Iraq from Fallujah to Kirkuk and ending his United Services Organization as he performed for servicemembers serving in support of Operation Iraqi Freedom.

Thousands of spectators roared as Keith took the stage, and continued to cheer and holler during the performance.

"I love his music. Not only that, it's also inspirational for the troops," said Sgt. Joseph Gardner, Company D, Special Troops Battalion, 4th Infantry Division. "To see somebody who dedicates, not only their time, but also

shows how much they appreciate what we do for our country means a lot."

The troops sang along and cheered as Keith played some of his chart topping hits as well as a few of his less known "bus songs."

"We always put together eight or ten things we think are befitting for the show," said Keith. "Though 'American Soldier' is dearest to my heart."

While Keith's songs have inspired and re-kindled patriotism in Americans both home and abroad, it is his actions, not his words, that speak the loudest.

The award-winning country music star has supported the troops, wherever they may be, for five years. He has not only toured through Iraq, but has also played for troops

in Kosovo, Bosnia, Djibouti, Afghanistan and Germany.

"Every year, I work with the USO in the spring. I look ahead at about Christmas and I give them a 17-day window. If I just go to Germany or Baghdad, I can bring the whole band, but we like to go into the forward zones spend a night with the guys and show our respect and appreciation," said Keith.

Monetarily Keith receives nothing, but it's not money he is after.

"There wasn't a draft or anything when I turned 18 and there was no war going on, so for me there was no reason to go into the military like my father did," said Keith. "Coming out on the USO tours for five years now, I have about 85 days of service in. For me it's a way to serve my country."

Keith said his inspiration to get involved in the USO was because of his father who served during war and lost his eye while serving. Though his father knew about his desire to start working with the USO, he never was able to see him perform because he passed on before Keith's first per-

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Toby Keith performs in front of thousands of spectators here, Tuesday. Keith traveled throughout Iraq playing for troops that normally do not receive the extra entertainment.

Camp Victory Three-day forecast

Friday



Mostly Sunny
High: 115 F
Low: 87 F

Saturday



Mostly Sunny
High: 115 F
Low: 86 F

Sunday



Sunny
High: 114 F
Low: 86 F

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Chaplain's corner

Chaplain, I'm just too damned tired

Come to me, all you who labor and are heavy laden, and I will give you rest. Take my yoke upon you and learn from me, for I am gentle and lowly in heart, and you will find rest for your souls. Matthew 11:28-29

One of the "triple digit days" this week with perspiration rolling down my back, I came upon a soldier sitting under a palm tree all by himself. He was slowly drinking water from his Camel Back. I sat down beside him and asked, "How's it going, soldier?" What I wasn't prepared for was his immediate and revealing answer – "Chaplain, I'm just too damned tired! My Ever Ready battery is drained." Needless to say, that got us started on a great conversation and for me a revealing moment into the constant state of being a soldier every waking moment of every day.

That evening during my prayers, I was shown a parallel spiritual truth – If I find that being a person of faith exhausts me, draining me of my energy, then I am practicing religion rather than enjoying a relationship with God. In today's verse, Jesus said that a relationship with Him would bring rest to my soul. My walk with him will not make me weary. It will invigorate me, restore my strength and energize my life. Sometimes I really miss the mark on that one – my spiritual weapon needs a new zero!

Hard work or lack of sleep makes me physically and mentally



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Religious Support Operations
MNC-I Chaplain Office

exhausted. This fatigue can usually be remedied by a good rest. But there is a deeper fatigue that concerns me today. It is the fatigue that goes beyond physical tiredness. It is an emotional exhaustion that comes from experiencing heavy burdens and demanding daily crises. There is a fatal fatigue deep within my soul that comes from carrying the weight of the needs of others. I could go on a pass to Qatar, but my soul would not be restored. This condition can only be solved by finding rest in Christ.

Sometimes I want to do all I can to serve Christ, and I exhaust myself in the process. It was to me (and perhaps at least a few of you) that Jesus extended His invitation to go to Him and learn from Him. Jesus spent most of His earthly ministry surrounded by needy multi-

tudes. He faced relentless opposition, He often prayed throughout the night (I've done that a time or two – haven't you), and He seldom had any privacy; yet He always received the rest and strength that came from God. It was not that Jesus did not work hard but that He knew the path to spiritual rest. Many of us are working hard – we need to know the path to spiritual rest. Are you weary?

I've learned to go to Jesus and let Him give me His rest. His rest will restore my soul and charge my spiritual battery as nothing else can. Let's see that pink bunny and his drum top this power!

Letters from home

Staff Sgt. Shunnita Jackson-Schneider, 320th Engineer Company,

I miss my mother so much, I'm usually quick to mourn,

that when we get on the phone together my heart is soothed but torn,

I love her with all my heart, but nothing can change, to get her back, look at me, and say i'll never leave you again.

Darien Jackson

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LOCATION
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DATES
JUNE 16, 28, & 30

TIMES
10am – Noon

POINT OF CONTACT FOR THIS TRAINING IS THE
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Camp Victory

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SARC	822-3545	T-M8	Restricted or Unrestricted
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KEITH

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"Once he passed on, this was my way of carrying the torch for him," said Keith. "I have something to offer a piece of America; music, maybe a smile and a handshake. So, I try to lead the way and set the standard, calling out other entertainers to come over here and show their appreciation."

After years of coming here, Keith said he has seen a vast improvement every time he returns. Even though he sees the media portraying an overly negative light on the conflict, his personal experiences have proven to be positive.

"If you look at the cities I've played, twelve cities altogether, we've been all over this country. I can't tell you how

many Iraqis wave and welcome us," said Keith. "There aren't too many rock throwers out there. It's changed each year I have come here, and it's a lot better than it's ever been."

Just as the troops enjoy and appreciate Keith, he says he appreciates them even more.

"They are great people. They reenlist all the time and they are doing a great job. The word back home is that no one is willing to come over here. If that's true, why do the troops keep reenlisting?" asked Keith. "They definitely have the right people over here to do the job."

A long tour, always on the move, playing in the heat and keeping to a strict schedule can be tiring, but for this world-renowned artist it is all worth it.

"It is, you know why? Because I don't

have to," said Keith. "I am well taken care of, my grandkids could not blow off the money I've made, but my appreciation is that I have a place to go do that. None of that money I've made and that success I have means diddly squat if I'm living in a place where there's a dictator."

War is morbid and a bad way to go about things, but this fight has to be done. The fight has to be taken to the bad guy, said Keith. The U.S. troops are doing a great job at doing just that.

Keith plans to keep touring in Iraq every spring as long as he is welcome.

"Every spring I'm going to go wherever you are," said Keith with tired and weary blood-shot eyes. "Wherever we are, if they will let me in there, I will come. Korea, all those places, wherever, I'll be there."

Commandant visits Camp Victory Marines

Story and Photos by Lance Cpl. Ronald D. Hendricks

MNC-I PAO

Gen. Michael W. Hagee, Commandant of the Marine Corps, and Sgt. Maj. John L. Estrada, Sergeant Major of the Marine Corps, visited with Marines working and living here, Tuesday.

After a few handshakes, the two leaders discussed recent events including Haditha.

Even though they would not focus on the negative, they made sure to stress how vital it is for Marines to continue to uphold what was instilled in them since basic training and throughout their entire careers.

Hagee spent a good deal of time answering questions and concerns of the Marines ranging from issues in the Pacific region to financial and training issues.

The purpose of these question and answer periods is to allow the leaders to take real concerns and real issues back to the commanders so that resolutions can be drawn up, said Hagee.

In the light of recent events, the Commandant, along with other leaders has stressed the necessity for Marines to uphold what the Corps has cherished for 230 years.

"Marines need to do the right thing, what the large majority is doing everyday. Make sure that we maintain the very high standards that we're proud of," said Hagee "Make sure that we are committed to honor, courage, commitment, our Corps values, we do that and we'll be just fine."

Aside from these things the Marine Corps presses forward, and is doing just fine, said Estrada.

"I come to the AOR with the Commandant every two months and the vast majority of the Marines, just about all of them here, I want to say a good ninety nine point nine percent of them are doing an outstanding job," said Estrada.

More than just accomplishing the mission, the Marines under-



Gen Michael W. Hagee, Commandant of the Marine Corps, and Sgt. Maj. John L. Estrada, Sergeant Major of the Marine Corps, talk with Marines in the Al Faw Palace Ballroom, Tuesday.

stand why the mission has to be accomplished.

"We see high morale, the Marines believe in what they're doing, which means they are committed," said Estrada. "They understand they have a lot of support back home, and they want to stay and finish the job."

The active duty Marines are not the only Marines playing their part. The reservists have stepped up and truly made this "one Corps," said Hagee. Who says he does not even think in terms of a reserve or active duty Marine Corps.

"We have a lot of reserve component Marines and we could not do what we're doing here without them," said Estrada.

Always a step forward, never a step back, that is what these two leaders have to say about the mentality of today's Marine Corps.

"The Marines of today are better than they have ever been

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throughout our two-hundred and thirty year history," said Estrada. "They are better equipped, better trained and they are as smart as hell. They can make a lot of good decisions without being supervised, and that goes for all our Marines."

The Marine Corps continues to move forward due to the innovative ideas of the young Marines rising through the ranks, said Estrada.

"We continue to look for ways to get better and better everyday," said Estrada. "We get a lot of those great ideas from young Marines out there because they are so damn smart."

The Marine Corps still has a tough battle to fight. Like those that have come before them, they must continue to fight and work

to achieve the goals of this nation, said Hagee. From what they have demonstrated so far, the nation need not fear.

"The Marines are doing a fantastic job, I am really quite proud of what they do everyday in a very complex and dangerous battlefield; they are truly making a difference out here," said Hagee.

Their fight will not be done alone, with governmental dissention and opposing parties, the political scene of America may look unsupportive, but America is behind its troops, said Estrada.

"It's quite interesting, regardless of where they are as far as policy is concerned, whether they believe we should be here or not, there is unbelievably strong support for Marines and for servicemen and women in general from the American public," said Hagee. "They are also proud of



Gen Michael W. Hagee, Commandant of the Marine Corps, and Sgt. Maj. John L. Estrada, Sergeant Major of the Marine Corps, talk with Marines during their bi-monthly visit to Iraq, Tuesday.

them and they support them."

After both Hagee and Estrada had said their piece and allowed the Marines to say theirs, they took a little extra time to take pictures and chat with the Marines, never letting them forget how proud they are of them.

"This is the best our Corps has ever been," said Estrada. "It's the most battle hardened Corps we have had in a long time, so the Marine Corps is in great hands."

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Building 27 B Texas RD
Camp Victory, Iraq

SAT Scholastic Aptitude Test

The Camp Victory Education Center is offering the SAT Sunday, June 25 2006

This will be the last SAT Date offered until September

Sign up at the Ed center before June 17. SAT examinations will be by first come first serve basis. There are only 25 slots for this exam.

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Lunch 11:30 a.m. - 2 p.m.
Dinner 5 - 9 p.m.

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Saturday - 9 a.m. - 4 p.m.
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Golby Troop Medical Clinic

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Monday - Friday 7:30 a.m. - noon
Saturday & Sunday 9 a.m. - noon

Dental Sick Call:

Monday - Friday 7:30 - 10:30 a.m.
Saturday 9 - 10:30 a.m.

Mental Health Clinic:

Monday - Friday 8 a.m. - 4:30 p.m.
Saturday 9 a.m. - noon

Post Deployment Health Briefings:

Monday - Friday 1 p.m.

Pharmacy:

Monday - Friday 7:30 a.m. - noon, 1 - 4:30 p.m.

Saturday & Sunday 7:30 a.m. - noon

Legal Assistance/Claims

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Friday 9 a.m. - 4:30 p.m.

Personnel Service Support Centers

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Sunday 9 a.m. - 1 p.m.

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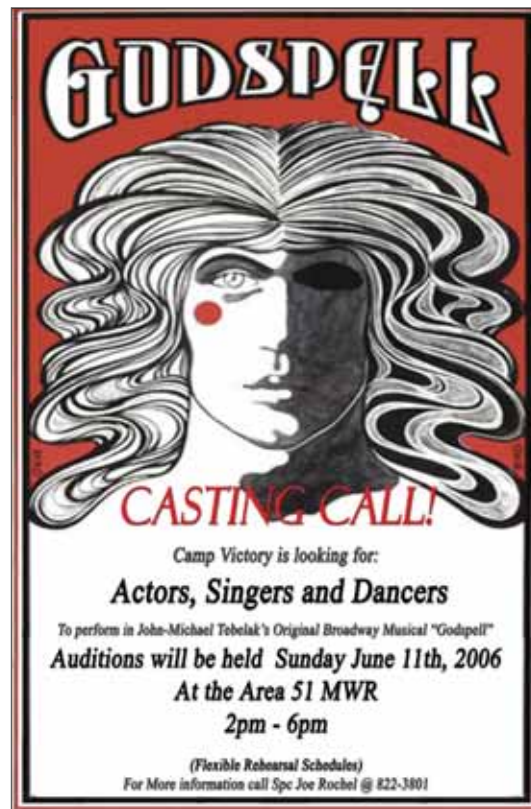


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At the Area 51 MWR
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Victory Chapel (Bldg. 31)

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Traditional Protestant Service 7 and 8:45 a.m.
Roman Catholic Confession 10 a.m.
Roman Catholic Mass 10:30 a.m.
Gospel Protestant Service noon
Latter Day Saints Service 2 p.m.
Episcopal/Lutheran Service 4 p.m.
Contemporary Protestant Service 6 p.m.

Saturday:
7th Day Adventist Service 11 a.m.
Roman Catholic Mass 8 p.m.

Mini-Chapel (Bldg. 2)

Monday - Friday
Roman Catholic Service 4 p.m.

Friday:
Jewish Service 6:30 p.m.

Saturday:
Orthodox:
Orthodox Vespers 5 p.m.
Orthodox Confession 8:30 p.m.
Orthodox Bible Study 7 p.m.

Sunday:
Orthodox Divine Liturgy 10 p.m.



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